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- 1. IN THE FACE OF THE EFFECTIVE TEACHER STRIKE, AND DEVELOPING STUDENT DISSIDENCE (REFTELS) PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET PLANS TO PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:
- (A) CLOSE DOWN ALL SCHOOLS FOR AN INDEFINITE
 PERIOD BEGINNING TOMORROW JANUARY 19, CITING THE EXAMPLE OF ROCKET
 DAMAGE TO THE LYCEE DESCARTES AND THE DANGER TO GROUPS OF
 STUDENTS FOR AS LONG AS ROCKET ATTACKS LAST;
- (B) ISSUE A NEW LAW EARLY NEXT WEEK FORBIDDING MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS;
- (C) ATTEMPT TO USE NATIONAL POLICE AGENTS TO DEVELOP OPPOSITION TO THE CRYPTO COMMUNIST DECLARATION OF FACULTY CONFIDENTIAL

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OF LETTERS STUDENT ASSOCIATION LOCH SOEUN;

(D) IF THE "RIGHT CLIMATE" CAN BE DEVELOPED, USE THE NATIONAL POLICE TO ARREST LOCH SOEUN 12 TO 14 DAYS FROM NOW.

- 2. IN ORDER TO DEFUSE THE SITUATION, THE DEPARTURE OF SON SANN IS REQUIRED. I HAVE OBTAINED CHENG HENG'S AGREEMENT TO TRY TO PERSUADE HIM TO GO. SON SANN APPEARS TO BE IN AN EMOTIONAL MOOD AND IS STRIKING HEROIC POSES, SO THAT CHENG HENG'S INITIAL APPROACH MAY FAIL. HOWEVER OVER TIME, HE IS PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GET SON SANN OUT OF HERE WITHOUT INCIDENT.
- 3. COMMENT: LONG BORET'S MOVE TO CLOSE THE SCHOOLS IS ASTUTE, AND SHOULD HELP CONTAIN THE AGITATION. HOWEVER, THERE WILL NO DOUBT BE SOME SHOCKS BEFORE THIS PARTICULAR IMBROGLIO WINDS DOWN. ENDERS

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